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THE WEATHER.

For this section snow this afternoon; colder.

CALL FOR A PUBLIC MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA

Representative Charles C. Carlin to Make Announcement of Importance to Citizens of This City on Tuesday Night Concerning The Industrial Situation.

Representative Charles C. Carlin of this city, will today request Mayor Thomas A. Fisher to call a public meeting of the business men and citizens of Alexandria for next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, at which time

Hon. Charles C. Carlin.

he will have an important communication to make to the people concerning the industrial life of the community.

The Gazette is not advised as to the details, but is permitted to say that there is no longer any doubt of the most important industrial operation that has been located in this vicinity for a century coming to Alexandria.

Representative Carlin advises us that contracts were not signed until last night at six o'clock, and, therefore, nothing could be safely given to the public until now.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The annual election of officers of Alexandria Council Royal Arcanum, will be held on Monday evening next.

Rev. C. D. Bulla, of Nashville, Tenn., will preach at the Methodist Church south tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. E. V. Regester, the pastor, will preach in the evening.

The funeral of Theresa Roberts, who died yesterday, will be held at Wheatley's chapel Monday morning at 8:30. The interment will be made in Washington.

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals in Alexandria will be conducted by the local branch of the Anti-Tuberculosis society, which will be assisted this year by the civilian relief branch of the local Red Cross. The committee having the sale in charge are Mrs. Wm. Campbell, chairman, Mrs. W. A. Moore, Miss Mary Lindsey, Miss Whitall and Mrs. Samuel L. Monroe.

Rev. Thomas Semmes, who is now conducting the preaching mission at St. Paul's church, will address the Bible Class of which Judge Louis C. Barley is leader, tomorrow at Christ church at 9:30 a .m. His subject will be "Christ, A Great Saviour." A cordial invitation is extended to all who may desire to hear him on this occasion. At 11 o'clock Rev. Semmes will preach at St. Paul's church on the "Deity of Christ," and at 8 o'clock in the evening he will present as his subject "St. Paul's Estimate of Life." In the afternoon at 3:30 he will address a meeting for men in the Norton Memorial building, the Sunday school room of the church, on the subject, "The price men pay for their Sins." All men in the city are extended an invitation to be present.

The public schools of the city will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday afternoon, December 21 and will remain closed until January 2, 1918.

Subscriptons for the Young Men's Christian Association War work fund are acknowledged today by the Alexanldria local committee as here given: S. Rosenberg, $1.00 and Spanish War Relief Association $5.20.

Rev. Raymond W. White will preach at the Methodist Protestant church tomorrow morning on "The First Thought," and at the evening service his topic will be "The Unpardonable Sin."

Rev. Clyde S. Armitage, of Washington, will preach at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the morning and also at the evening service. The Sunday school will be held at 9:30 and men's Bible class at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mrs. Sarah Underwood, wife of Wm. H. Underwood, died at their home, 316 North Patrick street, last night, aged 79 years. Besides her husband the deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Wm. J. Wilkinson. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her late home.

"The Key to the Blessing of Christian Life," will be the subject of the sermon at the First Baptist church tomorrow morning by Rev. E. B. Jackson. In the evening he will preach on "Some Prophesies Already Fulfilled in Jesus Christ." Sunday school at that church will be held at 9:30 a. m.

The coal situation in Alexandria, like the weather, is still cloudy. In fact, beginning with Monday next, it will be necessary for householders desiring coal to file an affidavit that they have less than two tons of coal on hand. This action is taken, it is supposed, to prevent hoarding coal.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Second Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow evening in the Westminster building at 7:15. The topic will be, "Christian Recruits." The text will be found in Isa: 6: 6-8, "Here Am I, Send Me." The meeting will be led by a Y. M. C. A. worker from Camp St. Asaph.

Services will be held in the Free Methodist church on south Fairfax street at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning also at 7:30 o'clock at night. At the latter service Rev. E. B. Shout will deliver a sermon on "The Second Coming of Christ." Meetings have been held nightly in this church during the present week and will be continued next week.

Captain and Mrs. Hellwege, officers in charge of the local Salvation Army work in this city are endeavoring with the help of the citizens to make a Merry Xmas for the poor families, of the community. Their desire is to give 50 pair of shoes, 50 pairs of stockings, warm underwear for the children and 100 dinners to familits, a Christmas tree and treat for the children, also winter relief work. To accomplish this they say they need four hundred dollars. Envelopes will be distributed throughout the city, each envelope having the name of Captain and Mrs. Hellwege printed on it. They ask for a generous contribution.

U. S. DESTROYER IS SUNK

The Jacob Jones, Submarine Hunter, Goes Down in War Zone and Two-Thirds of Her Crew Lost.

Torpedoed in a night attack, the American destroyer Jacob Jones, one of the newest and largest submarine hunters of her class, was sunk Thursday night in the war zone and two-thirds of her crew were lost.

Thirty-seven of her complement were taken off in life rafts. The remainder are not accounted for in today's dispatch from Vice Admiral Sims, who forwarded the names of ten of the survivors.

Lieut. Commander David Worth Bagley, brother of Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, and whose brother was the first American officer to give his life in the Spanish war, does not appear in the list of survivors.

Inasmuch as Admiral Sims mentioned other officers among the survivors and did not name Bagley, it is feared he went down with his ship.

Wm. Farnum in a Great Production.

"When a Man Sees Red," a special super de luxe Wm. Fox photodrama founded on the Larry Evans story of "The Painted Lady," which was in the Saturday Evening Post with the preeminent William Farnum in a stirring role, will be shown at the Richmond Theatre tonight.

As Luther Smith, William Farnum gives a forceful and virile impersonation of a rough and ready sailor, rises above his surroundings and always keeps in mind the boyhood teachings of his mother.

The consensus of opinion of those who have seen this picture is that this is one of the strongest and most striking photoplays recently produced, and the acting of Mr. William Farnum authentic and memorable.

At the Surprise Theatre, Anita King will be seen in a western story, "The Girl Angel."

Death Notice.

Died, on Friday, December 7, 1917, at 7:15 p. m., at her residence 316 north Patrick street, SARAH E. UNDERWOOD, wife of William H. Underwood, in the 80th year of her age. Funeral from the residence on Monday, December 10, at 3 p. m. (Baltimore and Pittsburgh, Pa., papers please copy.) Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William L. Wilkinson.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

ARREST ALLEGED DESERTER.

Soldier Confesses Having Robbed Alexandria Man and Stealing From Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

The soldier who robbed Phillip Friedman, a junk dealer of this city, last month has been taken into custody. The Washington Star of last night contained the following concerning the case:

"Stephen Adam Orloski, born in Jersey City seventeen years ago, was arrested last night by Detectives Baur and Sweeney as an alleged deserter. Orloski surprised the detectives in a frank admission that he held up Phillip Friedman, a junk dealer, at 1210 King street, Alexandria, Va., near St. Asaph, Va., November 15 and robbed him of a diamond pin worth $125 and $28 in cash. He also said he had stolen a mandolin and articles of wearing apparel from the Y. M. C. A. on two occasions.

"The prisoner had a pawn ticket for the pin which he said he pawned in Baltimore. The mandolin and clothing were recovered where Orloski said he had disposed of them.

"Orloski said he falsified his age to enlist in Battery B, 12th Field Artillery. He gave his age as eighteen years, he stated, whereas he was born in 1900. He came here with his battery, and entered camp at St. Asaph, Va., making frequent trips to this city."

SCHNEIDER TO LEAVE FORCE.

District Commissioners Uphold Decision of Board in Captain's Case.

The Board of District Commissioners yesterday ruled that the decision of the police trial board, which last September recommended the dismissal of Capt. Henry Schneider from the department, be sustained.

Capt. Schneider will receive his letter of dismissal from the police department within the next month.

Schneider appealed in October from the decision of the police trial board, which had recommended his dismissal, after finding him guilty of charges of undue activity in the case of I. Ellison, a junk man of Alexandria County. Police authorities of Alexandria county preferred the charges.

Annual Meeting.

The regular Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown, D. C., for the election of a Board of Directors and any and all other business properly coming before the meeting, will be held at the principal offices of the Company, in Alexandria, Virginia, (being the offices of James H. and Harry B. Caton, Attorneys) at three (3) o'clock P. M., on the 11th day of December, 1917.

Emory H. Bogley, Secretary.

POLICE MAKE BIG HAUL

Chief Goods and Sergeant Scott Capture an Automobile Containing Large Supply of Liquor.

Early last night Sergeant Scott, who was in Remschell's garage, opposite the station house, had his attention attracted to a negro named Colbert Ellis, of this city, who, he says, was under the influence of liquor. A quart bottle, partly filled with whisky, was protruding from his overcoat pocket. Ellis had gone to the garage for the purpose of engaging an automobile to go to Poor's House lane and tow a broken-down machine to this city. Sergeant Scott placed Ellis under arrest, and subsequently he and Chief Goods proceeded to Poor' House lane, where they found the disabled machine. It was in charge of a negro named Arthur G. Wood, who conducts a lunch house in Washington. Upon investigation the auto was found to be practically loaded with spiritous and malt liquors. The machine was seized with its contents and brought to the station house, and Wood locked up with Ellis, and the couple were brought before the Police Court this morning. They were represented by Robinson Moncure.

Wood said he owned the automobile, but had no idea that he was transporting liquor, as he had been requested by a man named Smith to bring some packages from Washington to Virginia.

Ellis' suit case was filled with bottled whisky, and he also claimed that he was asked to transport packages, but did not know the nature of them. The fact that the partly-filled bottle of whisky he carried in his overcoat pocket, bore a label similar to those on the bottles in his suit case was not explained by the accused.

Both men were held for the action of the grand jury. Ellis subsequently gave $500 bond, a citizen of this city becoming his surety, and he was released for his appearance before the grand jury next Monday.

The automobile contained two cases of whisky in quarts, a suitcase containing bottled ale, a traveling bag filled with beer and wine and several gallon jugs containing wine.

Since the above was written Wood also furnished bond and was released, the Alexandrian who became surety for Ellis becoming Wood's surety also.

TO MAKE TEST CASE.

Lawyer Fined In Move On Case, Appeals to Supreme Court.

Richmond, Dec. 8.—Counsel for R. B. Greenway, the attorney who was fined $5 and costs in hustings court on the charge of being disorderly and failing to move on, said yesterday that they would take the case to the Virginia supreme court, an appeal having been noted after the verdict was brought in. Greenway's legal representatives are D. C. O'Flaherty and Jesse C. Duke. Their purpose is to test the validity of the "move on" ordinance. They also expect to assail the instructions of the court as to "disorderly conduct."

Commonwealth's Attorney Wise, it will be recalled, amended the original warrant so as to charge Greenway both with disorderly conduct and failing to move on, and the court instructed that this brought the case within the range of the state law and that Greenway might be found guilty of disorderly conduct regardless of the ordinance.

Greenway's case came up on appeal from police court, where Greenway was fined $10 and costs. It was an echo of trouble between him and Patrolman H. M. Mitchell, of the First district, at Eighth and Broad streets, the afternoon of November 22. "It is the principle that we are fighting for," said Attorney O'Flaherty today, discussing his plans for the next move.

Our Soldier and Sailor Boys.

We read in the papers quite often
Of presents at Christmas for Sam,
But of poor Jack of the ocean
It would seem that they don't care a—
Oh, our khaki-clad heroes are worthy
Of remembrances lasting and true,
But the blue-clad lads of the navy
Should ne'er be forgotten by you.
How many, now think you, would ever,
Reach France and the great fighting line,
If it wasn't for Jack and his good ship
Who protects them while crossing the brine.
Then we'll send them remembrances Xmas
And pour out our heart's blessing, too,
To Sammie, the boy in the khaki
And Jackie, the boy in the blue.

—J. F. Burrell.

But Few in Market.

But few sellers or buyers attended market this morning. Prices of some articles showed slight declines.

GIVES TEN THOUSAND

Masonic Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Gives the Above Generous Sum to the George Washington Memorial.

Mr. Charles H. Callahan, of this city, secretary of the local committee of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, is today in receipt of the following letter from T. F. Penman, of Scranton, Pa.:

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 6, 1917.

Mr. Chas. H. Callahan,
Alexandria, Va.

My dear Brother Callahan:

This will inform you that last night at the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the finance committee recommended an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to the Washington Memorial Association, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
T. F. Penman.

This is the third large contribution made this year to the Memorial fund. The first came from the Imperial Council of Mystic Shrine for five thousand dollars. Next the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite gave ten thousand dollars, and now the brethren in Pennsylvania generously donate a sum equal to that of the Scottish Rite, besides which have been received a large number of smaller gifts from individuals and subordinate Masonic bodies from this state. Other jurisdictions have also made substantial subscriptions during the last twelve months which have greatly encouraged those in charge of the enterprise and gives them the assurance that their wishes will soon be fully realized concerning the memorial. And certainly such a showing is sufficient to warrant an optomistic view.

As soon as the first one hundred thousand dollars has been obtained and placed at interest, as it is expected will be done within the next year, it is the purpose of those in charge to place a lecturer in the field to bring the subject more fully to the notice of the fraternity throughout the country and thus more quickly secure the balance of the money required to build the memorial. As is well known, the site for the memorial has already been selected here in Washington's former home.

PESTILENCE IS FEARED.

Death Toll in Halifax Remains at 2,000—Burials Are Hurried to Avoid Pestilence—Fire Sweeps the City.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 8.—A canvass at all the morgues early this morning showed that thus far 1,600 dead have been extricated from the ruins. Hundreds are still buried. It is now regarded as certain that the total death toll exceeds the 2,000 mark, with approximately 3,000 injured.

Rescuers have been busy more than thirty hours now, but so terrible is the havoc wrought by the 4,000 tons of explosives that rained down on the harbor and city, so frightful is the misery and suffering caused to thousands, that it seems real relief is just beginning.

Fire is still raging, but all danger of the flames spreading is over, thanks largely to the snowstorm now in progress.

Two thousand is still a conservative estimate of the death toll. The actual figure may exceed it. Hundreds are still unaccounted for.

Trains upon trains poured into the city, bringing loads of goods, medicines, blankets and supplies. Going back, they took to near-by towns and villages hundreds of wounded.

With the staggering death toll, the greatest fear of the authorities is that of pestilence. Wholesale burials have begun. Salvage corps, working amid the wreckage, bent every effort to extricate the dead. The snowstorm added ominously to the pall that hangs over this ruined city. It makes relief work doubly hard.

ELKS HELPING.

To Build First Reconstruction Hospital for Wounded Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 8.—America's first reconstruction hospital where men wounded overseas will be fitted for occupational pursuits commensurate with their injuries will be built by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Boston. The Elks' war relief commission, after a meeting here announced that the government has agreed to accept the hospital.

The institution, the commission said, will cost $250,000 and will be erected on Parker Hill, contiguous to the Robert Brigham Hospital. It will consist of a complete unit of twin ward hospital buildings, vocational workshops, barracks, mess hall, and post exchange.

VESSEL SINKING AT SEA.

"S O S" Call Sent Out by English Ship Simcoe Located off Magdalen Islands.

Quebec Dec. 8.—A wireless message received last night from Fame Point said an "S O S" call had been picked up there from the government steamship Simcoe, which reported that she was sinking.

The message gave the Simcoe's position as off the Magdalen Islands. The vessel is commanded by Captain Dalton and carried a crew of forty-three men.

The vessel left here about a month ago with a cargo of supplies for lighthouses on the north shore of Bell Isle and the Newfoundland coast. A wireless message received from her at noon yesterday said she was on her way to Prince Edward Island.

Notice.

Be sure to see the china exhibit of Mrs. James Pickin in Allen's drug store. A cordial invitation is extended to all to call at 611 Queen street and see a nice line of Xmas china. 292-2t.

TO ENFORCE THE LAW

Act of the Legislature Forbids Any One Engaging in Business or Labor Not Strictly Necessary.

Judge L. C. Barley, of the Corporation Court has directed the attention of the police authorities to the fact that the Sunday laws of the state and city are being violated with impunity. He has directed the enforcement of the laws, and members of the police department will notify all storekeepers and others who continue their avocations on Sundays that they will be cited to appear in the Police Court and show cause why they should not be fined. The state law imposes a fine of $5.

In June, 1916, there were wholesale arrests of people of all branches of trade in this city upon charges of violating the Sunday law. In the majority of these cases it was shown that the accused were only engaged in works of necessity, and they were dismissed. Since that time, however, nearly everything has been run wide open, and the object of the authorities is to close places where articles not regarded as necessaries are sold.

We cannot enumerate all such places, but members of the police will use discretion in their citations as will also the Police Court when the accused shall have been arraigned but it may be well to state that stores from which luxuries and non essentials are disposed will came under the ban. These will embrace the dealers in tobacco and cigars, ice cream, soda water, fruits, etc. Where ice cream, however, is ordered in a lunch house with other edibles the law does not apply, but it must not be sold per se.

Some stores where candies, soda water, chewing gum, cigars, cigarettes, etc., are dispensed are kep open all day and part of the night, attracting many persons about them This has caused [illegible] complain which is based upon fact.

A stated meeting of Alexandria Council, No. 627, Royal Arcanum will be held in Eagles Hall South Royal street, on Monday evening December 9th at 8 o'clock. The annual election for officers will be held and it is earnestly requested that every member will be present.

By order of the Council.

J. E. Alexander, Secretary.

THEO. C. PILCHER DEAD

Deceased Represented Loudoun and Fauquier Counties in Senate of Virginia Since Year 1915.

A dispatch from Warrenton announces the death of Theodore C. Pilcher, 73 years old, member of the Virginia State Senate, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home in Midland, Fauquier county. He is survived by his widow and two sons, George Pilcher, an attorney of Norfolk, and John T. Pilcher, of the railway mail service.

Mr. Pilcher was well known throughout Virginia, first serving as a member of the House of Delegates from 1891 to 1901. In 1915 he was elected to the State Senate from Loudoun and Fauquier counties for four years. His death will necessitate a special election to name his successor.

The deceased was vice-president of the Fauquier National Bank. Aside from his legislative duties he was extensively interested in the mercantile business and farming. He was a member of the Black Horse Cavalry during the Civil War.

The death of Mr. Pilcher will be read with sincere regret by his many friends in Alexandria, as he was almost as well known here as in his native county. He was a frequent visitor to our city, and in bygone years occasionally spoke at banquets in Alexandria. He possessed the faculty of passing from the pathetic to the ridiculous, and his hearers were always sorry when he took his seat.

TRUE BILL IS FOUND.

Porter and Elks' House Committee Indicted by Grand Jury.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 8.—Special city grand jury late Thursday returned a true bill against Charles Smith, colored porter, and the house committee of Staunton Elk Lodge, No. 351, charged with violations of the state prohibition laws. The grand jury's finding was the outcome of a raid on the Elks' home late Friday night, November 9, conducted by E. T. Staley, prohibition agent, and three officers of the city police force. The house committee is composed of H. H. Wayt, W. S. Burke, N. Harrison, A. C. Lytton and W. D. Runnels.

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FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Although the Gazette can make no predictions concerning what may or may not come to the city of Alexandria in the way of industrial enterprises, it will say that the future appears to hold much in the way of good things in store for its people, as may be inferred from an article which is published on the first page of today's issue.

Representative Charles C. Carlin stated to the editor of the Gazette today that Alexandria will shortly obtain the most important industry that has been located here within the past hundred years. Mr. Carlin is in a position to know whereof he speaks for the reason that he has been engaged in making the effort of his life, so to speak, to secure for Alexandria this much sought for industry.

That the results of his labors seem about to be brought to a successful conclusion, is a matter for congratulation not only to him, but to the city and its people as well.

STRICKEN HALIFAX.

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep," an injunction which at times comes with force upon all. The terrible disaster at Halifax which has placed crape upon so many doors appeals to the civilized world. The lives of at least two thousand persons were snuffed out almost in the twinkling of an eye, while thousands were more or less injured, and many missing. Part of the city is practically in ruins. Homes have been demolished, fire is still raging, while a blizzard is adding to the other horrors. Relief is pouring in from all quarters.

Many pathetic scenes are in evidence in the stricken city. In some cases survivors have been temporarily bereft of their reason, and wander aimlessly through the streets looking for dear ones who are among the missing. Casualty lists from the war front have been cast into a total eclipse by this greatest of all sorrows.

A mother with two babies in her arms was walking through the street. Her face was covered with blood, but she kept wiping the blood from her eyes, hugging the babies to her breast all the while. The babies were taken from her in order that relief parties might dress her wounds. The two babies were dead. The rescuers didn't tell the mother, but put the little ones away in a berth on a Pullman car.

After a while the train was started back to Truro with the wounded. Four children died on the way.

President Wilson sent to the governor general of Canada yesterday an expression of the sympathy of the people of the United States for Canada over the disaster. His telegram was as follows:

"In presence of the awful disaster at Halifax, the people of the United States offer to their noble brethren of the Dominion their heartfelt sympathy and grief, as is fitting at this time when to the ties of kinship and community of speech and of material interest are added the strong bonds of union in the common cause of devotion to the supreme duties of national existence."

"MOVE-ON" ORDINANCE.

The Court of Appeals of Virginia will soon be called upon to render a decision on what is known as the "move-on" ordinance. A Richmond man was recently fined ten dollars for refusing to obey a policeman when he was ordered to move on. He refused to pay the fine and took an appeal from the judgment of the Police Justice.

The authorities in every city in the country have at times been called upon to defend the "move-on" law. When this issue has been brought before appellate courts the lower tribunals have generally been sustained. The decision of the Court of Appeals of our own state will naturally be awaited with interest by all law officers.

It has been decided on several occasions that the streets of a city belong to the commonwealth and the cities custodians, and that the highways and sidewalks are intended for passageways, not loitering places; also that occupiers of houses have jurisdiction from their building lines to the centre of the street in front of their property, and when persons congregate in front of the same, either upon the sidewalk or highway and refuse to move on the aggrieved parties have cause for action against the parties complained of. A number of cases could be stated to substantiate this claim.

It may sometimes be noticed that certain street preachers and others who are prone to talk in the open air "keep on the move," passing from one point to another while expatiating. They are generally following the advice of lawyers while so engaged.

The Police Court of Alexandria has at times been called upon to rule when complaint has been made of collections of men and boys in front of houses. The court has invariably declared that such acts are unlawful, and while fines have at times been imposed, in most cases the parties have been dismissed with admonitions.

RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY.

The international Sunday school lesson for tomorrow will be another chapter from the book of Nehemiah. It tells of Ezra standing upon an improvised pulpit in the open air and reading from the Pentateuch from morning until noon while the people stand and listen to him.

This open-air meeting and the duration of the time it continued (for about six hours) is suggestive in our day when so many people grow restive when church services are prolonged beyond the conventional hour.

The great mass of Ezra's congregation had lost their mother tongue while captives in Babylon. It is certain the new generation were not acquainted with Hebrew in which the Old Testament was written: hence it required a scholar to read and explain the five books of Moses.

The earnest attention paid the scribe while reading the first five books to the assembly is suggestive in our day and generation, and shows that the Bible should not be read in piecemeal, but that the people should know what is in the book from cover to cover.

Were there more familiarity with the scriptures by the many who attend churches the services would prove more interesting and there would be less itching to get out of places of worship. Besides many occurrences which are startling and horrifying the world at present would be better understood and anticipated.

In this connection we will say our attention was attracted during the week to dispatches from Europe which are significant at this time when the planet is convulsed by war and many see in the horrors of today plain fulfillment of prophecies.

The Jew has for centuries been the football of certain nations. For centuries their word was not taken in evidence in continental Europe and they were segregated in ghettoes, while in England they were not allowed to trade for a long time.

In our own day we have read of anti-semitic riots in Paris, Berlin, Vienna and other places, and during the present war Jews in Galicia have been robbed, driven from their homes and made to herd like cattle in the open air.

Count Reventlow and other leading Germans are said to be supporting a movement to prosecute an active campaign against the Jews immediatey following the war. Two confidential circulars against the antisemitic secretary, General Henningsen, of Hamburg, have been published in the Judische Rundschau, which disclose a systematic antisemitic campaign.

The Jews, it is said, control about one-fourth of the capital of the world. It is but natural to suppose that a rapacious nation like Germany will turn its attention to them after having looted some of the fairest places of the world and finding itself bankrupt. But other nations, also bankrupt by reason of the present war, are equally as apt to despoil the Hebrews. In the darkest hour of their history, however, their writings tell us that one greater than Artaxerxes will come to their succor. We may be drawing near these stirring times.

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AUSTRIA'S PROSPECT.

How does Austria like the prospect? is the query of an exchange. In a direct military sense it would not affect the situation of that country much if we should recognize her as an enemy, which she unquestionably is. We can help Italy as much by sending troops to France, and releasing French troops for Italy, as we could by sending troops directly to Italy.

But how does Austria like the war prospect as a whole since the President uttered his momentous message? Austria has not disintegrated, but this is due to the power of the German army, and Germany is growing weaker. The Germans of Austria are less than a quarter of the subjects of the Emperor Charles. How far the Magyars are in sympathy with the German element it is difficult to say, but if they are bound together heart and soul, the two races are still a minority of the Austro-Hungarian subjects. The Czechs, Poles, Jugoslavs, Ruthenians and other races are a majority.

Some of the German people want peace, but all the Austrian people and their subjected nationalities want peace, from the Emperor Charles and Premier Czernin all the way down the line. Not even the momentary success in Italy has diverted the Austro-Hungarian attention from peace. Since the President has spoken, what chance do they think there is of getting peace while they are bound to the Hohenzollern chariot wheel? Austria-Hungary can have peace at any moment, and without dismemberment, if it will break loose from Germany and ask the allies for terms. What will be left of the Dual Monarchy after another year of war??

POSSIBILITIES FOR PALESTINE.

(New York Evening Post).

What manner of land is this little country of Palestine toward which the Jews have been aspiring for almost two thousand years, which an English general is now about to conquer for them? It has been both maligned as a patch of mountain rock and desert and over-exalted as an earthly Garden of Eden. Palestine has been compared to California, on a small scale. It has the same narrow coastal strip, bounded by a costal range of moderate height, which in turn faces, on the east the deep Jordan Valley, watered by streams and lakes, and more than a thousand feet, at points, below sea-level; this valley is shut in on the east by a very high inland range which trails off into desert still further east. Like California, Palestine, with its great varration in rainfall and climate, is capable of supporting practically every kind of agriculture. However, conditions are generally so favorable that the land can be devoted to subtropical crops, oranges, almonds, figs etc. Under this form of cultivation, the country will support a great population. Three million people can easily find homes there. Hopeful Zionists point also to Palestine's possibilities as a tourist resort.

HUNS CHECKED.

Germans Capture Four Thousand Prisoners in Their Drive.

London, Dec. 8.—Monte Sisemol, one of the mountain bastions separating the Teutons to the northeast of Asiago from the Venetian plain, fell into the hands of Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorff's army, with 4,000 prisoners, yesterday, Berlin announced, making the total of prisoners taken in the mountain sector 15,000.

This new progress brings the Teutons perilously close to the open space leading to Bassano, on the Brenta and in the plain. But to the right and left formidable heights are firmly held by the Italians, and until they are taken the invaders cannot dare to send forces through to Bassano.

From yesterday's official Rome statement it appears that the Teuton advance was checked immediately after Sisemol mountain was taken. Half a dozen attacks and counter-attacks followed one another in quick succession, the Italians standing like granite on the lines to which they had withdrawn. In the Meletta region, too, Rome avers, the invaders were held in check by the Italian gunfire.

"When the enemy attempted to come down," adds the statement, "he was driven back in disorder by our machine gun fire. South of Gallio the enemy's large forces failed to advance."

A rare tribute from enemy to enemy came in a belated Austrian official account received here yesterday.

"At 2 in the afternoon (Wednesday) the brave Italian defenders, who had been completely cut off for twenty-four hours on Monte Castelgomberto, laid down their arms."

The Austrian prisoners in Italian hands are quoted as saying the exchange of Austrian and Russian prisoners is in full swing.

Fierce hand to hand fighting rages without pause along the whole mountain front.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

R. David Lockman Sentenced to Eighteen Years—Tirade Against Attorney Stopped by Judge.

Danville, Va., Dec. 8.—R. David Lockman was convicted of second degree murder by a jury here last night, and was sentenced to serve eighteen years in the penitntiary. The jury reached its decision at 10:30 o'clock, and Judge E. J. Harvey came to the courthouse to receive the verdict.

The accuse man stood the sentence well, and after the verdict had been entered and the jury discharged, he asked to be allowed to say a few words. He had apparently prepared a speech for the occasion which, after a few opening words, developed into a tirade against the Commonwealth's attorney.

Twice the judge rapped with his gavel and called on the convicted man to confine his remarks to his case. Finally the man became so impassioned that he was ordered to sit down the judge teling him that his counsel would have to present anything further he might want to say.

FIXES CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

Commonwealth's Attorney Elected by Cities Are in Class Behind Other City Officials When Included in Draft.

Under a ruling of the attorney-general of Virginia yesterday, a commonwealth's attorney elected by a city is not a municipal but a state officer. The ruling was given in connection with the order in which officials who might be included in the draft should go under the new classifications of the war department. Under the regulations recently issued municipal officers must answer the call before state officers and the ruling definitely places commonwealth's attorneys in the latter category.

Another ruling of interest given out yesterday had to do with the question of the citizens of other states temporarily residing in Virginia being treated at Catawba at the expense of the state. It was held that only bona fide residents of Virginia were entitled to such treatment although it is not necessary that a man be a voter to have the right to the treatment.

REPORT OF HUN PLOT.

Hears That Naval Magazine Blew up, Precipitating Collision That Causes Disaster.

Boston, Dec. 8.—A report that a naval magazine blew up, precipitating the Halifax disaster, and that the body of a German was found near the magazine, was brought to this city last night by A. J. Goldberg, a merchant of New York, who was in the first party of refugees to reach here from the shattered city. Goldberg did not vouch for the report. He said the information was given him by a railroad official, who said he had it from a member of the municipal government at Halifax.

According to this story, when the naval magazine exploded, ships in the immediate vicinity cut loose their moorings and scurried out into the stream. In the fleet was a heavily laden munition steamer. During the scramble for safety she was rammed by a freight steamer, and blew up, spreading havoc far and wide.

Goldberg, in company with Charles J. Clark, a traveling salesman of Montreal, was on a train bound from St. John to Halifax.

WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

President Wilson Signed Declaration as Soon as it Passed Congress.

America is at last formally and actually at war with Austria-Hungary. President Wilson last night signed the declaration that, with formalities waived and opposition virtually erased, had been adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives in less than four hours. The declaration dates from 5:03 p. m., when the President affixed his signature, and from that hour all the resources of the country stand pledged to push the war to a successful conclusion.

Only one voice was raised against the declaration in either branch of Congress, it being that of Meyer London, the New York Socialist. He voted "no" against the ayes cast by 365 other members of the House. In the Senate no voice was raised against the seventy-four affirmative votes. Senator Lafollette did not vote, being out of the Senate chamber.

May Have City Prison Farm.

Norfolk, Va. Dec. 8.—The ordinance looking to the establishment of a city prison farm for Norfolk has started on its way. At the regular meeting of the common council this week the ordinance appropriating $45,000 for the purchase of land for the institution and estimates for equipment of the farm of $5,847 and $4,270 for its operation for four months, beginning March 1, were placed on their first reading and referred to the finance committee.

Short of Paper in Germany.

The Fourth Estate says that Berlin messages state that the shortage of paper is such that recently important Berlin papers were unable to appear while others were only able to publish four pages, with the prospect of ceasing publication altogether soon. Practically all the papers in Saxony have stopped publication for an indefinite period.

TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

Suffering Described As Torture Relieved by Black-Draught.

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 175 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

I sent and bought Thedford's Black-Draught. I made him take a big dose, and when it began to act he fainted, he was in such misery, but he got relief and began to mend at once. He got well, and we both feel he owes his life to Thedford's Black-Draught."

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BURN WOOD TO KEEP WARM.

Virginia Council of Defense Suggests New Slogan in View of the Coal Situation.

Richmond, Dec. 8.—It is hoped that a new slogan suggested by the Council of Defense, directed particularly to small communities, namely, "If you would keep warm burn wood," will be as productive of good results as the older one which urged the people to stay at home unless they had to travel so that the congestion on the railroads might be relieved as far as possible.

The latest statement from the railroads' war board in Washington to reach the council shows how admirably the public has responded to the railroads' appeal.

Reports just compiled indicate that the traveling public in general, and the shippers in particular, are giving the finest kind of co-operation to the railroads in the handling of the increased traffic that the war has produced. What this co-operation means may be gleaned from these facts:

Since May 1 the railroads, aided by the loyalty and understanding of the public, have been able to reduce their passenger service by approximately 25,000,000 miles. This has released thousands of train crews and locomotives for use in the freight service and cleared thousands of miles of track, thereby facilitating the movement of coal, food products, and supplies needed by the Government.

In addition to this saving of equipment and trackage, the shippers, big and small, have rallied so splendidly to the slogan, "Make one car do the work of two," that a saving of close to half a million freight cars has been accomplished. This saving of freight cars has enabled the railroads to move approximately 25 per cent more freight since war was declared than during the same period last year.

Intensive loading and a general increase in the size of the "trade units" used by the various industries has rendered possible the saving of car space. Cotton, for instance, which was formerly moved in units of 50 bales now moves only in units of 65 and 75. As there are 18,000,000 bales to be moved by rail each season, the increase in the trade unit in this one commodity alone has produced a saving of anywhere from 83,000 to 123,000 cars.

Sugar, on which the carload minimum from the South was formerly only 24,000 pounds per car, now moves only on a 60,000 carload minimum.

The producers of manufactured food products, especially the canners, have also come to a realization of the value of intensive loading, and are now loading virtually all of their cars to capacity.

Although excellent results have been achieved to date through the co-operation of the shippers, the traveling public, and the railroads, it will be necessary for all concerned to exert renewed efforts, as the abnormal demands upon the railroads in the movement of both troops and supplies is constantly increasing while the securing of new equipment is virtually impossible.

From now on, 2,500 cars a day will be required by the Government to move food and supplies to the men in training at the encampments, while the demand of the allies for cars to carry export goods to the seaports will be practically doubled. All of this additional traffic must be moved by the railroads, although they have only 3 per cent more equipment than they had at this time last year.

Drops Bombs on German Airdome.

London, Dec. 8.—An official statement says that British airplanes have done great damage in a bombardment of the Sparappelhoek airdrome. They also dropped bombs on a train leaving there.

CHANGE IN PRICES

Owing to the general increase in the cost of materials the undersigned respectfully announces that beginning with Monday, Dec. 9, 1917, it will be necessary to make a slight increase in the charges for doing certain kinds of work at this laundry.

In making this announcement it is also desired to express thanks for patronage given in the past and to earnestly hope to merit a continuance of the same in the future, which will have our best attention.

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JEWISH FESTIVAL.

Jews of Alexandria to Observe "The Festival of Lights" Beginning Tomorrow Night, Dec. Ninth.

Tomorrow (Sunday) evening, December the ninth—according to the Hebrew Calendar, Kislev 25th—the Jewish people of Alexandria as well as those throughout the country will usher in the observance of the post-Mossic festival of Hanukah, also known as The Feast of the Maccabees and The Festival of Lights.

It commemorates the splendid heroism of the Hasmonean House of Mattathias, of his son Judas, the Maccabee and his valiant brethren, their loyalty to the faith of their fathers, and their victory over Antiochus, King of Syria, who had waged a relentless war of extermination against the religion of Israel. Other rulers and races had sought to destroy the Jew, Antiochus was bent on the eradication of Judaism. To accomplish this end the Temple was seized and defiled by the Syrian hosts; idols were set up in the sacred shrine dedicated to the worship of the One God; the priest-hood profaned by the enforcement of idolatrous practices, and the Israelites ordered, under penalty of death, to bow before the idols of the Syrians. Under the Military leadership of Judas Maccabee, the Israelites waged heroic warfare against their powerful adversaries for the right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. After three years of war—on the same day, Kislev the 25th on which three years before the Syrian idol had been placed in the temple—the Israelites celebrated the birth of their religious freedom, cleansed the Temple which had been profaned by the Syrians, and rededicated it to the God of liberty and light.

Hanukah is a Hebrew word meaning rededication. In temple and home the seven-branched candlestick is lighted and special prayers are offered. The suggestive symbolism of light, ever held in reverence by Israel, is variously employed to express the lessons of the festival.

The feast is associated with a charming legend. It is said that when the Jewish heroes had reclaimed the sanctuary from the unholy touch of the heathen, a single cruse of oil was found, insufficient to supply the lamps of the Temple. Yet it sufficed to fill all the lamps of the Temple during the eight days of the celebration of the festival. God's light never fails those who look to Him for spiritual and moral illumination.

In the synagog, in addition to the customary ritual, portions of the First and Second Books of the Maccabees (Apocrypha) are read. Tradition says, the name Maccabee is derived from the initials of the four Hebrew words which formed the battle cry of the Hebrew Patriots, M K B I, and which in English are rendered, "Who is like unto Thee, O God, among the mighty"!

CITY OPENS GROCERY STORE.

Winchester Distributes Foodstuffs Among Deserving Poor.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 8.—Winchester opened yesterday its new grocery store in the basement of the City Hall with a full line of wartime foodstuffs, and clerks are now serving the "trade," which is made up wholly of people who have no cash and no credit. Everything is given away under the direction of City Manager Field, but not until his agents have personally investigated each individual case.

It is the intention to do business at the new stand all winter, and in this way care for the deserving poor, instead of a Council committee handling out orders on merchants. Under the sold system, it was found many poor people used their orders for the purchase of such luxuries as eggs, creamery butter, chocolate candy, and bought few real necessities. Now the city is giving away foodstuffs which the City Manager says, "stick to the ribs."

MEANS TELLS HIS STORY.

Accused Describes Death of Mrs. King at Concord, N. H.

Courthouse Concord, N. C., Dec. 8.—Unaffected and without a trace of emotion, Gaston B. Means yesterday told the story of the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, the woman he is accused of murdering.

He told of the casual visit to Blackwelder spring at the request of Mrs. King and of her desire to take firearms with her. He declared that after they had left the automobile and Afton Means and Captain Bingham the two other members of the party, had wandered away, he stood and talked with Mrs. King for a while.

Means then said that after he had loaded the Colt automatic revolver he started for the spring to get a drink. Mrs. King did not want a drink but as he passed the sycamore forked tree near which the woman fell, he placed the automatic revolver in the fork of the tree. Turning around he saw Mrs. King with the gun in her hand. He told her to put it back because it was "dangerous." According to his memory she had put the gun down. He then stopped to get a drink when "bang!" the defendant interjected at this point of the story, clapping his hands together. "I turned and saw Maude fall." Later, he said he hastened to the woman's side and she was "just crumpling up on the ground." He then told of the efforts to revive her and the final decision to bring her to the Concord hospital.

Means' recital of the killing of Mrs. King was clearly done. It was without the air of bravado, which has been present during all of the rest of his testimony.

There was a decidedly tense feeling when court closed last night and trouble threatened.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Prisoners Give Names as Mrs. Bessie Butler and Mrs. Marion Stanford of Washington.

Baltimore, Dec. 8.—A woman who gives her name as Mrs. Bessie Butler and a companion who described herself as Mrs. Marion Stanford, daughter of Mrs. Butler, of 230 A street southeast, Washington, arrived in Baltimore at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon were apprehended by detectives. Mother and daughter, it is alleged, had collected merchandise valued at $156.77 from several department stores.

The women carried large black leather handbags and capacious muffs. They were observed by a house detective in one of the stores, who at once notified headquarters. Two detectives, who were assigned to the case, arrested the two women and took them to the Western station, where they were held for a preliminary hearing today.

The alleged Mrs. Butler is said to conduct a boarding house in Washington, and her daughter is asserted to be the wife of a Southern Railway employe.

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We respectfully beg to announce it is absolutely essential to increase slightly our charges for laundering certain articles of bed and table linen—we leave it to your own good judgment, as to cause of same. We have up to the present and will continue, **WITH YOUR CO-OPERATION** to maintain a service to the people of Alexandria at a cost lower than 90 per cent of the laundries in in the United States.—Thanks do your bit. Have packages ready when our driver calls—It helps.

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Wool Underwear, each . . . . . $2.00 and $2.50
Wool Socks, pair . . . . . 35c and 50c
Warm Gloves, pair 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50
Warm Wool Neck Scarfs, each $2.50
Warm Outing Flannel Night Robes, ... $1.00 and $1.25
Warm Outing Flannel Pajamas Suits, . . $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50
Warm Bath Robes, ... $3.98, $5.00, $6.50, $7.50
Warm Army Blankets, ... $7.50

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NEWS OF THE DAY

The explosion of an infernal machine in the express car of Train No. 7 on the Northern Pacific caused the destruction of the car near Windsor, N. D., Wednesday. It is said that a similar contrivance fired an express car on another Northern Pacific train near Bismarck two weeks earlier.

Nineteen young women made their appearance on Broadway, New York, yesterday as street railway conductors, filling the vacancies represented by as many blue stars on the service flag of the New York Railway Company. The young women are uniformed in blue skirts and rather mannish coats, with caps like those of the men conductors.

Twenty-one survivors of the American steamer Actaeon, which was torpedoed and sunk on November 25, have arrived at Madrid. They suffered severely from exposure. Sixty-three others, in three boats, were reported missing.

As spokesman of the American people, President Wilson yesterday sent a message of deep sympathy to the stricken people of Halifax, brought to mourning by the disaster of Thursday.

Rumania has officially joined in the armisitce agreement between Russia and the central powers. A ten-day truce on the whole front from the Baltic to the Black Sea went into effect at noon yesterday. Not a word is said in the formal agreement regarding the transfer of German troops from the eastern to other fronts.

Thomas A. Edison, America's foremost inventive genius, has settled down in Washington, with the intention of staying until we get something that will stop the submarine." He has taken over the old office of the late Admiral George Dewey in the Navy Annex and is engaged in important laboratory experiments designed to produce an antidote for the U-boat. He is in constant conference with experts of the Navy Department.

What is probably the longest sentence imposed in Criminal Court in Washington during the last ten years was meted out to John Gibson, negro, for a criminal assault on Florence Carter, an aged woman of the same race. In imposing a thirty-year sentence, Justice Stafford said that the jury which convicted Gibson would have been justified in bringing in a verdict calling for the death penalty. The Carter woman, who lived in Q street northwest, was assaulted by Gibson when he entered the house to commit a robbery. Gibson grinned when he heard the sentence.

That reports upon economic and military conditions in this country have been going from New York to Gen. von Mackensen ever since the United States declared war against Germany, was one of the startling discoveries made by headquarters detectives and government Secret Service agents yesterday, following the arrest of Otto Julius Merkel, self-styled secretary of the German University League. Merkel was arrested in the public library and sent to Ellis Island for internment. Another sensational fact alleged to have been revealed by the mass of correspondence and private papers seized at the office of the German University League, No. 225. Fifth avenue, was the definite intimation in copies of Merkel's letters that a military organization of Germans "for defense" throughout the country was in process of formation.

Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, in an address to a delegation of Hungarian notables, said he felt sure that the German alliance would continue after the war with both Bulgaria and Turkey in it, says a dispatch from Vienna. In reviewing the causes of the war the Austrian foreign minister said that the government recognized the necessity of "preventing a greater Serbia" from springing up.

Gen. E. H. E. Allenby reports that he has occupied the town of Hebron, in Palestine. The tomb of Abraham is said to be in Hebron.

HAS GOOD BALANCE.

Treasurer Urner Has $681,830.66, in General Fund to Start New Fiscal Year on.

Richmond, Dec. 8.—Hon. C. H. Urner, treasurer of Virginia, on Thursday filed his annual report showing the state's cash box to be in especially good condition with a balance of $681,830.66 in the general fund and, including the balances standing to the credit of the literary fund, the Miller fund, the retired teachers' fund, and other funds handled through the state treasurer, the total cash on hand is $843,806.98.

Not only did the state collect more money than ever before in the past year, $9,208,885.98, but it has a larg er cash balance carried over to the next year than ever before.

WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Six

Billie and Jimmie Will Take Military Training.

"I am mighty sorry, Uncle Dan, that this is your last night with us. Can't you stay longer? We boys are having a peach of a time," said Billie.

"Well, if you get more out of it in the way of pleasure than I," said Uncle Dan, "you are going some."

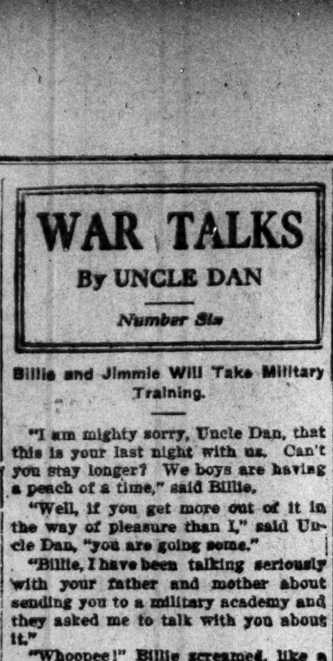
"Billie, I have been talking seriously with your father and mother about sending you to a military academy and they asked me to talk with you about it."

"Whoopee!" Billie screamed, like a wild Indian.

"Now, hold your horses," said Uncle Dan, "and listen to me. You know I sent my boy, Howard, to one of these schools for a year when he was about your age. He was narrow chested, stoop shouldered, rather loose jointed; he had the big head and needed discipline and physical development. He was growing fast and I wanted him to be strong physically."

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "I believe your description of Howard fits me pretty well, eh?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "to be frank I think it does; you need the same thing. Howard did not like it at first. I am told for a few weeks he had 'rough sledding,' but after he found that the only way was to obey orders, he caught the spirit of the institution and liked it. We did not see him for about six months, then he came home for a few days. We were astonished at his appearance. He had gained about 20 pounds in weight, his muscles were as hard as nails, he stood as straight as an arrow, he was courteous, consider-



Note the result of six months of military training. Compare lines A-A and B-B in cut.

ate and manly. His awkwardness had disappeared. The change was wonderful and it was all to the good. Here is a photograph showing 'before and after taking,' and I am sure no patent medicine advertisement could beat it.

"Well, mother and I were delighted. That was ten years ago, and Howard says the year he spent at the military academy was the best year of his life.

"Now," said Uncle Dan, with great earnestness, "when such training does so much good, makes better citizens and at the same time fits a man to defend his country, why should not Uncle Sam furnish this training at the government's expense? The government has the right to call anyone to serve in case of war, and without training, a man is worth nothing as a soldier. Uncle Sam has splendid new training camps that will soon be available for the purpose, therefore, here is double reason why the Chamberlain bill for compulsory military training should be passed at once, so that every boy physically fit may have this training and not leave it for his parents to pay for. On account of the expense, not one boy in 50 can take the training now. I am glad that you can do so. These big crops and big prices, I find, make the farmers rather 'cocky,' and that the best is demanded by them."

Billie was up with the lark the next morning, more excited and enthusiastic than ever. He had a plan. He knew Jimmie owned a colt worth $100; that he would make almost another $100 on his potatoes if they turned out well, and that he had from his previous savings, bought a $100 Liberty bond. Billie's plan was to have Jimmie cash in and go with him. He was disappointed to find that Jimmie would still lack about $300 of having enough to see him through. His lip quivering, he said: "I'm mighty sorry to leave Jimmie."

Uncle Dan was silent a moment or two, then he asked Billie to go down to the orchard and get him some apples to eat on the train. While he was gone, it was arranged that Uncle Dan and Mr. and Mrs. Graham would advance the money necessary so that Jimmie could go. When Billie returned he was told about it. He ran to the 'phone and called Jimmie, saying: "Come on over, run just as fast as you can. I've got the greatest news you ever heard of."

WARNS COAL CONSUMERS.

Fuel Administration Says Price Can't be Raised Except on Product Shipped Since December 1.

Harry Flood Byrd, Federal Fuel Administrator for the State of Virginia, has received an important telegram from the National Fuel Administration with reference to the price of coal, and it is regarded as particularly important that the public take notice of the matter:

"The United States Fuel Administrator announces that the increase of 35 cents in anthracite prices authorized to cover an increase in the wage scale, applies only to coal actually shipped from the mine after 7 a. m., December 1, 1917. Please give this statement widest publicity as the public should not be called upon to pay this advance on coal shipped prior to December 1."

DOING GOOD WORK.

University of Virginia Men Subscribing Literally Toward War Fund.

Charlottesville, Dec. 8.—The University of Virginia Red Triangle fund for the Y. M. C. A. War Work in Europe has passed the $10,000 mark which is double the quota assigned to the University.

Of the total amount subscribed $8,036 came from the student-body $1,336.50 from the Faculty, and $630 from the University community. This represents an average per student of $11.08 for the entire enrollment. The average of those contributing however was approximately $15 per man.

WANTED AT ONCE.

At the highest cash prices, 20,000 Bags and 10,000 pounds Burlap

also all kinds of old junk, such as Old Iron, Rags, Rubber, Rope, Bones, Brass, Copper, Zinc, Lead and Metals of all kinds, also old Autos and Auto Tires, etc.

We also buy all kinds of paper and **Paper Stock, Bags and Burlap**

Ship us your goods. We pay the highest prices. Checks mailed same day goods are received.

CAPITAL JUNK COMPANY

Phone 559W

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Alexandria, Va.

To the Stockholders of the Washington Fertilizer Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the general office of the company, rooms 1 and 2 Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Va., at the hour of 2:00 noon, Wednesday the 12th day of December 1917.

JOHN F. WILKINS, President
ROBT. L. LEWIS, Secretary
283-14t.

Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Lines will, on December 9th, at 10 a. m., apply to the State Corporation Commission at Richmond, Va., for authority to retain the Ten Cents (10c) excess fare collected on trains from passengers taking such trains at stations open for the sale of tickets:

Atlantic Coast Line Railway, Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway Company, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, Danville and Western Railway Company, Louisville and Nashville Railway Company, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway Company, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac R. R., Washington Southern Railway, Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, The Virginia Railway Company.
Dec. 7-8-12-15.

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Washington, D. C.

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Leather Goods

Items of merit at little prices that will quickly help you to check off several names on your gift list.

Genuine Morocco and Pin Seal Bill Folds, $1.50.

Men's Leather Tourist Cases, leather lined; fitted with military brushes, comb, soap box and toothbrush holder, **$4.98.**

Men's Military Keep Clean Brush in leather case. Pair **$3.25.**

Leather Writing Tablets, three sizes writing pads, fitted with pencil, **$1.25.**

Leather Collar Boxes, nicely made; silk lined, in black or tan, **98c.**

Men's Coat Hangers, in leather case; 3 hangers in set, **75c.**

Stationery is sure to please

Our stock is made up from the best makes ranging in price from

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Select now while our stock is complete.

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LAURENCE STABLER

15 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va.

THOMAS L. CARTER, Auctioneer.

Auction sale of desirable garage or stable property, known as Mt. Vernon Garage.

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust, bearing date on October 5, 1914, given by Robert G. Smith and wife to Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, and duly recorded among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in Deed Book 64, page 75, said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain indebtedness therein set forth, default having been made in the payment of part of said indebtedness, the undersigned, being the Executrix of the aforesaid Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, at the request and by the direction of the holder of the notes due and unpaid, will offer for sale at public auction on the premises, at 12 o'clock noon, **On Saturday, December 15th, 1917,** the following described real estate situate, lying and being on the east side of St. Asaph street, between King and Cameron streets, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Beginning on St. Asaph street at a point 123 feet 5 inches to the southward of Cameron street, and running thence southwardly along St. Asaph street and binding therewith 53 feet 7 inches to an alley; thence eastwardly with a line parallel to Cameron street 123 feet 5 inches; thence northwardly with a line parallel to St. Asaph street 53 feet 7 inches; and thence westwardly with a straight line to the beginning, with the use of and right of way over the above mentioned alley in common with others entitled thereto, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the said real estate belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of sale: One-third cash and the balance in one and two years; the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually and to be secured by first deed of trust upon the said property, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

Margaret L. Eidsness,
Executrix of Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, dec'd.
Gardner L. Boothe, Attorney.
287-td.

RENEWED TESTIMONY

No one in Alexandria who suffers backache, headaches, or distressing bladder ills can afford to ignore this Alexandria woman's twice-told story. It is confirmed testimony that no Alexandria resident can doubt.

Mrs. Martha Byrne, 209 Wilkes Street, Alexandria, says: "I suffered severely from backaches and pains throughout my body. My kidneys were badly disordered and I was steadily running down in health. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and the first box greatly benefited me. I kept on using them and I now enjoy good health."

Over four years later Mrs. Byrne said: "I seldom have any trouble ith my kidneys now. Doan's Kidney Pills are responsible for my present good health."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Byrne has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Auto Tire Repairing Our Specialty.
Over 20 years' experience back of every job.
There are 40 repair shops in Washington, yet we get a lot of work from there. Why?
We do particular work for particular people.
Give us a trial. Ask your neighbor about us.

Leahy's Tire Hospital,

Opposite Police Station
Alexandria, Virginia.

Sale of Property for Non-Payment of Taxes.

Under the following resolution passed by the City Council Tuesday, November 27, 1917, I will sell at public auction on Monday, December 17, 1917, in front of the Market Building, Royal Stret, Alexandria, Va., the following: LOTS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon, or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the taxes, assessments, or charges due to the City Council of Alexandria on the same.

Resolved, That the Collector of Taxes be and is hereby directed to proceed and sell at public auction all real estate in the City of Alexandria on which taxes are due and unpaid to June 1, 1917, in conformity to the City Charter and Laws relating to the same and sale to commence Monday, December 17, 1917, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and continue from time to time and day to day until all such real estate is sold.

The purchaser will be required to pay, at time of sale, the taxes, assessments, charges and expenses of sale.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock A. M., on the day specified and if not completed on this day will be continued from day to day and from time to time until completed.

P. F. GORMAN,
Collector of Taxes.

First Ward.

Richard H. Brooks, Jr., house and lot 723 1-2 south Fairfax street 1916 . . . . . $8.29
Morton G. Douglas, Sr., house and lot 403 south Lee street, 1916 $13 50
Wm. J. McKenney, house and lot 405 south Lee street, 1916. . . $11.62
Carrie V. Nowland, house and lot 423-25 south Lee street, 1914-15-16. . . . . $35.04
Martha Williams, house and lot 511 Gibbon street, 1915-16. . . . $9.35

Second Ward.

Fannie L. Gray, house and 2 lots 410-412 north Royal street, 1916 $4.25
Nancy Lucas, house and lot 739 north Washington street, 1916 $6 78
John McK. Ware, lot 420 1-2 north Pitt street, 1914-15-16 . . . . $5.82

Third Ward.

Richard Bentley, house and lots 313-315 north Patrick street, 1916 . . . . . $22.76
Elias Cole, 2 houses and lots 1117-1119 Queen street, 1916 . . . $17.43
Ruth Dabney, 2 lots 406-408 north Columbus street, 1916 . . . . $15.50
Edward P. Dixon, Sr., house and lot 324 north Patrick street, 1916 $7.75
John H. Fisher, house and lot 120 north Columbus street, 1916 $50.91
John McGee, est., house and lot 330 north Patrick street, 1916 $6.78
Sarah Simms, house and lot 425 north Patrick street, 1916 . . $10.60
Jane E. Smith, house and lot 421 north Alfred street, 1914-15-16 $61.22
Isaac Thornton, house and lot 807 Madison street, 1916 . . . . . $6.35
J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos. 1 to 5 block 8 Braddock, 1916. . $7.75
J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos 20 to 24 Braddock, 1916 . . . . . $7.75

Fourth Ward.

Alice McMenamin, house and lot S. E. corner Duke and West streets, 1916 . . . . . $48.20
Mary J. Parker and als, house and lot 609 south Alfred street, 1916 $6.78
John Sisson, house and lot S. W. corner Henry and Wilkes streets, 1916 . . . . . $12.16
290-10t.

"Bab's Matinee Idol"

Marguerite Clark

RICHMOND, MONDAY DEC. 10

This is the last of Mrs. Rinehart's famous stories of the "sub-deb" and her little soterie of "serious thinkers" to be shown in pictures. If you saw "Bab's Diary and "Bab's Burglar" you'll surely want to see the last of the group. If you did'nt you missed atreat, but you can make up for it by seeing the last one. Don't miss it.

Richmond Tonight, William Farnum in

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A thrilling story of the sea.

Surprise Tonight, Anita King in a picture full of western atmosphere

"THE GIRL ANGLE"

A highly superior attraction.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

N. B.—Following schedule figures published only as information. Not guaranteed.

Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria:

4:27 a. m., Daily—Memphis Special. Sleeping cars and coaches for Lynchburg, Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Washington sleeping cars open after 10:00 p. m. Dining car.

7.37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 a. m., Daily—U. S. fast mail. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Dining car.

9.37 a. m., Daily-Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

5:12 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville. Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited. (Via Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car.

11:02 p. m. Daily—New York & New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train, Club and Observation cars to Atlanta and New Orleans. Sleeping car to Macon. Dining car.

S. D. SHELTON,
Union Ticket Agent, Alexandria, Va.
R. H. DeBUTTS,
Division Passenger Agent, Washington, D. C.

Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Co.

Steamers of this line leave Alexandria every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, at 4:45 p. m.

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THE WASHINGTON VIRGINIA RAILWAY CO.

In effect June 31, 1915.
Subject to Change Without Notice.

Leave Alexandria For Washington—Daily Except Sundays and Holidays.

A. M.—5 00, 5 40, 5 00, 6 20, 6 40, 6 55, 7 10, 7 20, 7 30, 7 40, 7 50, 8 00, 8 10, 8 20, 8 40, 9 00, 9 20, 9 40; 10 00, 10 20, 10 40, 11 00, 11 20, 11 40, Noon 12 00.

P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40; 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.

Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A M.—Week Days—5 35, 6 55, 7 55, 8 55, 10 30, 11 30.—P. M.—12 30, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 33, 10 30, 11 50.

Sunday as above except 8 30 and 9 55 A. M. and 11 50 P. M.

Washington Southern Ry.

Schedule in effect July 2, 1917.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33, 10.38, 10:45 a. m. 12:01, 1:28, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14, 5.53, 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

Saturdays only, 4:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:08 p. m

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 9:47, a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 3:32, 5:17 (local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

Accommodation for Quantico at 11:18 a. m. daily and 2:05 p. m. Saturdays. Night train leaves 11:30 p. m. daily for stations Lorton to Fredericksburg inclusive.

NOTE—Times of arrival and departure and connections not guaranteed.

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